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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

CERTIFICATE OF EFS WEB Eiichi IMAZU et al. Applicant

Appl. No. : 10/792,144

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For METHOD FOR PRODUCING

JOINT BOOT MADE OF RESIN

Examiner Suzanne E. McDowell 1732

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Group Art Unit

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the communication from the Examiner mailed September 25, 2007. In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the communication. Applicant elects species b drawn to a method for manufacturing a joint boot wherein the cutout portion is formed in a shoulder portion that connects the recess for fixation to the bellows portion. Claims 1-4 are readable on the elected species. This election is made without traverse

No fees are believed due for the present Amendment, however, should any fees be due, please charge them to our deposit account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 24, 2007

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